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Feature



Southern Sudanese men line up to cast their votes in Juba, Southern Sudan, Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011.
(AP Photo/Jerome Delay)

Southern Sudan Referendum

JUBA, Sudan, Jan. 9, 2011 – Voting in Southern Sudan began on January 9 to determine whether to remain a part of a united Sudan or become an independent sovereign state. The polling process is scheduled to last seven days and end on January 15. This referendum marks the last major phase of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement signed by the representatives of the Governments of North and South Sudan in January of 2005. Secretary Clinton said, “The United States is committed to the long-term security and prosperity of both north and south Sudan and we will continue to support the Sudanese people.” In addition, Secretary Clinton noted, “We will work closely with all our international partners to maintain strong international support for the referendum process, successful implementation of the CPA, and a peaceful and prosperous future for all of the Sudanese people.” [Statement by Secretary Clinton](#) | [Joint Statement](#) | [Special Briefing on the Southern Sudan Referendum](#) | [Discussion on the Southern Sudan Referendum](#) | [Steps to the Referendum](#)

International

Inaugural Richard C. Holbrooke Lecture on U.S. – China Relations

WASHINGTON, DC, Jan. 14, 2011 – Secretary of State Hillary Clinton delivered remarks on U.S.-China relations for the inaugural Richard C. Holbrooke Annual Lecture. Secretary Clinton presented a broad vision of U.S.-China relations in the 21st century, setting the stage for the upcoming state visit of Chinese President Hu Jintao on January 19. “We need new ways of understanding the shifting dynamics of the international landscape, a landscape marked by emerging centers of influence, but also by non-traditional, even non-state actors, and the unprecedented challenges and opportunities created by globalization,” Secretary Clinton said. “This is a fact that we believe is especially applicable to the U.S-China relationship.”

The Richard C. Holbrooke Annual Lecture is a tribute to the memory and accomplishments of one of our nation’s finest diplomats and most dedicated public servants. The annual lecture will provide a forum to discuss challenging and important foreign policy issues like those Ambassador Holbrooke grappled with and left an indelible mark upon throughout his distinguished career. [Full Text](#) | [DipNote Blog](#) | [More on the U.S. and China](#)

Secretary Clinton Meets With Japanese Foreign Minister Seiji Maehara

WASHINGTON, DC, Jan. 6, 2011 – Secretary of State Hillary Clinton met with Japanese foreign minister Seiji Maehara to discuss the U.S. – Japan commitment to advancing regional peace, prosperity, and stability in Asia. “Minister Maehara and I have had a very comprehensive, wide-ranging discussion on a number of critical issues to our bilateral relationship and to regional and global security and prosperity,” Secretary Clinton said. “I am looking forward to the 2+2 meeting that will be held with Secretary Gates and with the minister and his counterpart, the defense minister, in the coming months.” [Full text](#) | [Video](#) | [More on Japan](#)



Secretary Clinton hosts a bilateral meeting with Japanese Foreign Seiji Maehara at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. (State Department photo)

One Year Commemoration of the Haiti Earthquake

Washington, DC, Jan. 10, 2011 – *Haiti One Year Later: the Progress to Date and the Path Forward*, produced by the Office of the Haiti Special Coordinator, summarized U.S. efforts in assisting Haiti in the aftermath of the devastating January 12, 2010 earthquake. In addition, several briefings were held highlighting health concerns and recovery in Haiti. Secretary Clinton issued a statement in commemoration of the earthquake, encouraging us to “rededicate ourselves to partnering with the people of Haiti in their pursuit to build back anew.”

[Statement by Secretary Clinton](#) | [Briefings on Haiti](#) | [Haiti One Year Later](#) | [More on the Haiti Earthquake](#) | [Op-Ed by U.S. Ambassador to Haiti](#) | [Office of the Haiti Special Coordinator](#)

Inside the Beltway

Haiti in 2011: The Way Forward



WASHINGTON, DC, Jan. 10, 2011 – Secretary Clinton’s Haiti Special Coordinator Thomas Adams held a conversation with President and CEO of InterAction, Sam Worthington, on the continued U.S. support to the Haitian Government and people in response to the January 2010 earthquake, and the way forward in the coming year. The discussion was moderated by Philip J. Crowley, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Public Affairs. The event was streamed live on www.state.gov and DipNote, the Department of State’s official blog. Members of the general public had the opportunity to participate by submitting questions, some of which were selected for response during the live broadcast. This is the eighth in the *Conversations*

with America video series coordinated by the Bureau of Public Affairs in which the State Department’s senior leadership hosts live online conversations on foreign policy and global issues. [Transcript](#) | [Video](#) | [Fast Facts on the U.S. Government’s work in Haiti](#) | [Conversations with America](#) | [Bureau of Public Affairs](#)

Global Issues Affecting the Nation

Leading Through Civilian Power: The Release of the First QDDR



Secretary Clinton hosts a town hall meeting to discuss the release of the first Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review, "Leading Through Civilian Power", in the Ronald Reagan Building. (State Dept. Photo)

WASHINGTON, DC, Dec. 15, 2010 – Secretary Clinton hosted town hall meetings in December at the Department of State and at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to discuss the release of the first Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review (QDDR). At the Department of State, Secretary Clinton joined Dr. Rajiv Shah, USAID Administrator; Dr. Anne-Marie Slaughter, Director, Policy Planning; and Patrick Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management, to explain how this review will shape the ways in which development and diplomacy are implemented in the future. Secretary Clinton noted, “The QDDR is a blueprint for how we can make the State Department and USAID more nimble, more effective, and more accountable, a blueprint for how our country can lead in a changing world

through the use of what I call “civilian power” – the combined force of all of the civilians across the United States Government who practice diplomacy, carry out development projects, and act to prevent and respond to crisis and conflict.”

[Remarks at Department of State Town Hall Meeting](#) | [Remarks at USAID Town Hall Meeting](#) | [A Conversation with America: Leading Through Civilian Power - The First QDDR](#) | [More information on the QDDR](#)

Secretary Clinton Speaks in Abu Dhabi on Sustainable Energy

ABU DHABI, UAE, Jan. 10, 2011 – Secretary Clinton spoke at the Masdar Institute of Science and Technology about the partnership between the United States and Abu Dhabi around renewable energy, climate change and sustainable development. Masdar and the U.S. Department of Energy signed a memorandum of understanding in 2010 to promote joint research and development of clean energy technologies Masdar will host the International Renewable Energy Agency, known as IRENA. IRENA is the first truly international organization to be headquartered in the Middle East and will ideally provide a link between developed and developing countries in sustainable energy production. “We believe that the work that is being done here at Masdar has the potential to solve some of the most urgent challenges facing our planet,” Secretary Clinton said. [Full Text](#) | [Video](#) | [More on Climate Change](#)

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